

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An unstable, methyl-substituted oxylated, (1,1 oxalyl diimidazole) ~~compound produced from reacting peroxyoxalates with a methylimidazole said oxylated,~~ ~~diimidazole further reacting with hydrogen peroxide to produce an unstable,~~ high energy molecule capable of transferring energy to maximize the rate of attaining chemiluminescence in a fluorophore.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~oxylated compound~~ molecule of claim 1 wherein said unstable, high energy molecule is formed from reacting 1,1-oxalyl(2-methyl)diimidazole (OD2MI) with hydrogen peroxide.
5. (Currently Amended) The ~~oxylated compound~~ molecule of claim 1 wherein said unstable compound, high energy molecule is formed from reacting oxalyl(4-methyl)diimidazole (OD4MI) with hydrogen peroxide.
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)

8. (Canceled)
9. (Withdrawn) A high energy, unstable molecule formed from reacting one of the group consisting of OD2MI and OD4MI with hydrogen peroxide.
10. (Withdrawn) A method to produce a methyl substituted molecule comprising the steps of:  
adding a quantity of 2-methylimidazole in an acetate solvent to a quantity of bis(2,4,6  
trichlorophenyl) oxylate thereby yielding a methyl substituted oxylate, then reacting said methyl  
substituted oxalate with a quantity of hydrogen peroxide thereby producing a high energy,  
unstable molecule, and finally collecting said high energy, unstable molecule for use to provide  
energy for fluorescence.
11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein the pH is in the range of 5.5 to 10.5.
12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein said methyl substituted molecule is  
OD2MI.
13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 wherein said methyl substituted molecule is  
OD4MI.